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1. "A new, wide-gauge railway line is now under construction between Barnaul and Stalinsk in the heavy industrial center of the Kuznetsk basin. On the stretch from Barnaul to Buisik, and from Buisik to the mining center of Tashmagol, 380 workers' brigades, totalling about 35,000 men, were employed on these works in June 1952.
2. "In June 1952 a second steel railway bridge was under construction across the river Chumysh at the large railway station of the same name, situated between the towns of Barnaul and Stalinsk.
3. "This new line is about 480 kilometers long. The work is being done to a large extent by forced labor. At Chumysh, for example, several camps were set up for prisoners (Zaklutchonnyie), who had mainly come from the Ukraine. In June 1952 they were engaged on earth works for the stretch of the projected line from Chumysh to Tashmagol.
4. "At Barnaul two schools and several stores, hitherto occupied by Univermag, were taken over about the middle of June 1952 by various railway offices of the Ministry of State Railways."

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